

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LIFE AND LEGACY OF ODELL
BARRY

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, along with Rep. ED PERLMUTTER, I rise in remembrance of my mentor and dear friend Odell Barry.

After a lifetime of accomplishments Odell passed away on January 3rd at eighty years old. He is survived by his wife, Glenda, two sons, Jay and Damon, and five grandchildren.

He was a tenacious football player and all-star athlete, making a lasting impression on the people of Colorado during his tenure as a Bronco. The records he set during his rookie year extend an unbeatable precedent for Bronco players to this day.

Not only this, Odell was an inspirational political activist and public servant. He was the first Black American elected mayor in a major city in Colorado, serving the people of Northglenn for years on end.

He was an entrepreneur and well-respected businessman. Odell's greatest accomplishment was the influence he had on the youth in Northglenn and across the state of Colorado. His impact undoubtedly molded countless generations.

Odell held all those around him to high standards, teaching us to live with generosity and compassion and lead with benevolence. I am deeply grateful to have known him.

As a giant in many of our lives, the legacy Odell leaves behind will not soon be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with my dear friend, Glenda, and the entire Barry family. As we mourn his passing, we will remember his life and be inspired by his devotion to making this world a better place.

CONGRATULATING THE LENA-
WINSLOW HIGH SCHOOL FOOT-
BALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE
CLASS 1A IHSA STATE CHAM-
PIONSHIP

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lena-Winslow High School football team for winning the IHSA State Championship for football.

The Lena-Winslow Panthers beat the Carrollton Hawks 38-25 in the championship game of the IHSA Class 1A football playoffs. The Panthers added 2021 to their state championship titles of 2019, 2017, 2013, and 2010, making them five-time champions. Running back Marey Roby finished with 241 rushing yards and three touchdowns, leading the team to their 5th win. I am pleased to see the Lena-Winslow Panthers representing the Lena com-

munity state-wide and I congratulate them on their win at the state championship.

It is because of leaders such as the Lena-Winslow Panthers that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Lena-Winslow football team on its win at the Class 1A IHSA State Championship for football.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. KEVIN
ROGERS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the tremendous contributions of Dr. Kevin Rogers, Superintendent of Schools for the Lewisville Independent School District in Texas. After serving for six years in that position, it is my privilege to recognize Dr. Rogers' distinguished career in education as he enters retirement.

Kevin Rogers, was born in Wichita Falls and raised in Andrews, Texas, graduated from Fort Stockton High School and obtained his undergraduate degree at the University of North Texas. He then received his master's degree from Texas Women's University and his doctorate from UNT.

Beginning his 36-year long career in education as a Lewisville ISD science teacher, Dr. Rogers was then promoted to a supervisory role as the Assistant Principal of Marcus High School. He then served as the Arbor Creek Middle School Principal, Marcus High School Principal, and Lewisville ISD Chief Operations Officer prior to his appointment as Interim Superintendent.

Dr. Rogers' contributions to Lewisville ISD include the introduction of Elementary STEM academies, Pre-kindergarten Discovery Academies, The Colony High School Collegiate Academy, and additional immersive Spanish classes at the middle school level. In order to further bolster the physical well-being of his students, Dr. Rogers also inaugurated Student Assistance Counseling and Behavior Intervention into the register of Lewisville ISD services. Under his diligent stewardship, during the last school year, LISD served over 50,000 students from 13 municipalities on 69 different campuses. His improvements to the school district's operations will benefit future generations of students for years to come.

The University of North Texas previously honored Dr. Rogers with the title of UNT Outstanding Doctoral Student in Educational Administration. The Lewisville Parent-Teacher Association also awarded Dr. Rogers with a Lifetime Achievement Award, and The Town of Flower Mound named him Citizen of the Year in 2016.

I join the parents, teachers, and students of Lewisville ISD in congratulating Dr. Rogers on a long and successful public service career. In

addition, I would like to sincerely thank him for the positive working relationship he fostered with my district office and the hospitality extended by LISD in hosting multiple congressional events. Dr. Rogers has worked closely with my staff since his tenure as Marcus High School's principal and has graciously allowed me to hold numerous Town Halls, Energy Summits, and Emergency Preparedness Summits at Lewisville ISD's facilities. As he concludes almost four decade of tireless service to the young men and women of North Texas, I wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF AUBREY
M. 'BUCKY' STANLEY, JR.

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness but great respect that I take this time to remember Aubrey M. "Bucky" Stanley, Jr. of Hanover, Virginia, who passed away on December 31, 2021. Bucky was a longtime Hanover County resident who spent many years of his life serving his county.

Bucky graduated from Patrick Henry High School and attended North Carolina State University. He returned to Virginia to work in the lumber and timber industry, first working with a family business, Stanley Lumber, and after that, owning his own company, AMS Timer, LLC.

In 1983, Bucky won his first election in Hanover, serving 38 years on the board, and six terms as chairman. He was the longest-serving Board of Supervisors member not only in the history of Hanover County, but the Commonwealth of Virginia as well. Bucky also served as chairman of the Capital Region Airport Commission for four terms. Bucky was a true servant leader in everything that he did and always put others first.

In addition to serving his beloved Hanover, Bucky was passionate about softball, managing and sponsoring teams including Stanley Lumber, Crossfire, Buckeye Softball, Mid-Atlantic Softball, and Andy's of Ashland. He travelled around the nation to participate in the sport and was inducted into the Hall of Fame of several of the sports sanctioning organizations.

Bucky was a great family man and showed his love to them in many ways. Bucky was preceded in death by his parents, Aubrey Mae Stanley Sr. and Helen Harris Stanley, and his wife, Ellen Epps Stanley. He is survived by his son, Darrell Stanley (Sheila) and his grandson, Wyatt Stanley.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me and countless others as we recognize the life of Aubrey M. "Bucky" Stanley, Jr.

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HONORING STEVE EDWARD MARCHESE FOR HIS 29 YEARS OF FEDERAL SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise as Chair of the Appropriations Committee, and on behalf of the Members of the Committee, and its staff, to pay tribute to Steve Edward Marchese as he retires after 29 years of Federal service. Steve began his career with Senator Alan Dixon before eventually serving my former colleague Representative Sidney Yates as his Appropriations Associate. Steve left Congress moving over to the State Department before coming home to the Appropriations Committee, where he has spent the last 15 years.

During his service to the Committee, he spent four years as professional staff on the State and Foreign Operations (SFOPs) Subcommittee. He eventually became the SFOPs Clerk and remained in that role for 10 years. During this time, Steve provided vital counsel to Members, which led to responsible investments through the SFOPs bill that made the world better, safer, and healthier while improving the security of generations throughout the world. He also spent considerable time and effort in compiling an anthology of the SFOPs bill that is an invaluable resource to the SFOPs subcommittee members.

When I became Chair of the Appropriations Committee a year ago, Steve moved over from SFOPs to serve as the Legislative Branch Clerk. Steve undoubtedly thought this would be a break from world conflicts, but instead found himself at the subcommittee's helm, deeply involved in the aftermath of the January 6th attack. Madam Speaker, Steve did not disappoint and brought his trademark dedication to a suddenly critical position. Steve was instrumental in crafting the Emergency Security Supplemental to Respond to January 6th Appropriations Act. As the Legislative Branch Clerk, Steve's hard work and dedication was very much appreciated and a great service to Congress and democracy.

I speak for myself, and I am sure other Members and his colleagues, when I say we will miss Steve after he retires from Federal service this week.

I am excited for what the future holds for Steve and wish him, his wife Cathy, and daughters Audrey and Julia all the best. Congratulations on an outstanding career. His country thanks him for his hard work.

CONGRATULATING TODD GORMAN FOR WINNING THE NJCAA ESPORTS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Todd Gorman on his national win playing Hearthstone at the NJCAA Esports competition.

Todd has been playing Hearthstone since 2015, and it is a game that involves strategy

and skill to succeed. Hearthstone is a fast-paced, strategy-based computer card game in which players amass a collection of unique cards to build four decks of 20. Before each one-on-one match, both players can protect one of their decks and ban one of their opponent's decks. And then they play a best-of-five series. In the championship, he earned a 3-0 sweep over the runner-up from Bryant & Stratton. This season, he has won 21 of 25 rounds played. I am pleased to see Todd representing the Knoxville community nationally. I congratulate Todd on his win at the national championship, and I look forward to seeing what he accomplishes in the future.

IT is because of leaders such as Todd Gorman that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Todd Gorman on his winning of the NJCAA Esports National Championship.

HONORING 100 YEARS OF VFW
POST 857

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 857 of Fort Wayne as they prepare to celebrate their 100-year anniversary.

Founded less than five years after the end of the First World War, VFW Post 857 has been a fellowship among American patriots in and around Fort Wayne all of whom served our country at some point in overseas conflict for now a century. With over 500 members including an Auxiliary, Post 857 remains a most honorable and beloved local institution.

This institution over the years and generations has been the fraternal home of patriots like Donald Kurtz, Edwin Davis, David Roth, Don Van Osdale, Edgar Grider, and so many others. I am inspired by these men and the mission of the organization to which they belonged—a mission which includes not only helping veterans recover from the wounds of war but, even more importantly, to ensure that the memory of those who have served is never forgotten.

From holding raffles to support the home repairs of veterans to throwing children's Halloween parties to hosting motorcycle rides alongside Northeast Indiana Honor Flights, and more, Hoosiers thank Fort Wayne's VFW Post 857 for their service and stewardship to the community over the years and generations.

This record is testament to VFW Post 857's longevity and achievement, for which Indiana, and northeast Indiana, is grateful. May God bless them, and may God Bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE TAOS NEWS 2021
TRADICIONES UNSUNG HEROES

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible lives

and work of the Taos News 2021 Tradiciones unsung heroes. It was my honor to join all of them on their big night of celebration. The stories they shared and the work they do for the community are more important than words can describe. I feel very fortunate to have attended such a special event surrounded by such selfless and inspiring people.

It was an honor to hear Benito Concha share his heartfelt story in person. I'm happy that he shared a gift with all the unsung heroes of the night. We all need to do more to uplift the good work and the heroes who deliver. All and all he's an incredible example of why it is so important to listen to the wisdom of our Native elders.

I thank Judy Weinrobe for bringing the wonderment and love of our state to a group like Los Jardines. I often hear how easy it is to fall in love with our state. She is an example of why. She adds beauty to our community through her work. We recognize the beauty of her labor. Keep planting the seeds.

Bette Myerson can't retire for the last time if she does what she loves. Especially if what she loves is a necessity, repairing the world. I think we were destined to meet because we do the same work. Best wishes to Bette and her family. I know she'll continue to do good.

Anita Bringas is a true asset as a strategic support manager. The way she can easily connect people, time, and tradition is the essence of New Mexico. We are all different and beautiful. It's understanding each other and caring that makes this place truly unique. The moment she shared with her mom was one I'll always remember.

As a founder of the women's shelter, HEART of Taos, the world needs more people like Kathryn Herman. Someone who is called to action to fill a void without the intention of becoming a hero but is one. She's saved countless women and children. There is nobody who has a bigger heart than Kathryn. She is the person who we all should aspire to be.

The beauty of Questa, New Mexico doesn't end with its scenery—it extends to its people and there is no better example than Malaquias Rael, Jr. He is an inspiration. The work he has done to diversify and promote sustainability serves as a model for the state and other communities. In small towns, it's important we remain a community and truly live as neighbors who look out for each other.

It's a rarity to see people as generous as Roels "Roy" Cunnynggham, especially when it comes to donating land for the community. Those actions promote the health, welfare, and economy of our community, echoing long after the deed is handed over. It's people like Roy who will ensure that Taos grows and prospers for decades to come.

Lisa Abeyta-Valerio is a treasure to her community but more importantly, to our youth. Her passion as a cheerleader coach constantly reminds us of this. Taos may be a small community, but there is no shortage of champions. With someone as caring as Lisa in the driver seat, we'll never get lost.

Pauline Mondragon's story as a fighter and cancer survivor inspires all. Having been there myself, I understand how strong she must be to do as much as she has. Pauline devotes her time and energy for everything that we value as Nuevo Mexicanos. When the pandemic passes, we will all be able to celebrate her and the great heroes of our community.